

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report

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SUBJECT: Daily Report: Port Arthur/Beaumont

COUNTY: Jefferson

DATE: 9/19/2017

Due: Daily 4:00 pm

SUMMARY:

- Participated in the morning command briefing.
- Participated in the 8:30 a.m. daily conference call.
- Strategic Meeting to review list of contacts/leads and plan action moving forward.
- Met with Lesly Johnson with Legacy Community Health Clinic in Beaumont, TX.
 - Concerns with debris cleanup/pickup
 - People are afraid to ask for help/assistance.
 - First Baptist Church in Port Niches aids those impacted by the hurricane.
 - Walk ins are welcome into this clinic. Regardless if they have insurance or not.
 - Clinic offers free vaccines and is expanding to other cities.
 - Amerigroup (<https://www.amerigroup.com/>) is looking for places to set up and provide vaccines and other primary care options including via telemedicine.
 - Received leads to the Hispanic Proactive Alliance Health Center, Lamar University, and a Hispanic Radio Station.
- Met with Co-Lead Mitty Mohon, Angela Hays, and Magda Dallemagne to brief/update them on CL work in Jefferson County.
- Visited Our Lady of Guadalupe – Diocese of Port Arthur
 - Provided information regarding our involvement after a disaster.
 - Shelter, food, and clothing are the greatest needs for his congregation.
 - There have been offers to assist, however, they have been redirected other areas.
 - 100 families need shelter immediately.
 - There are currently 50 people in one home.
 - The cathedral was flooded as well.
- Visited the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Beaumont, TX.

- Met the director. They have been providing services for up to 300 people a day.
- Met with IRS, TX Workforce, TX Legal Aid. Each provided a briefing on the services they provide.
- There may be grants available for those who qualify.
- Loans may be available through the Small Business Association.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Legacy Community Health is looking for opportunities to reach more community members that need health assistance. This information should be shared widely via the web: www.legacycommunityhealth.org

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Shelter, food, and clothing through Our Lady of Guadalupe – Diocese of Port Arthur.

UPCOMING:

- LaTonya Sanders will team up with new Community Liaison Magda Dallemagne to Hardin County
- Pamela Houston will team up with new Community Liaison Angela Hays and travel to Polk County.
- Paula will continue research for the Catholic Diocese, FEMA, and service providers
- Reconnect to Hilton Kelley, to follow-up on concerns with debris in EJ Communities and EPA's response to the Valero storage tank fire.
- Islamic Center would like us to join them when they pass out supplies again on Saturday September 23, 2017.